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STATE AGENCIES GATHER TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE ARMED FORCES

~ Agency leaders sign Statements of Support of the Guard and Reserve in historic events ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today is *Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Day* in Florida. To highlight this event, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles joined forces with the Department of Defense Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve to host a series of ceremonies statewide where numerous state law enforcement agencies signed Statements of Support to demonstrate the agencies' commitment to employees who serve in the National Guard and the Reserve.

In the largest effort of its kind, simultaneous events were held in Pensacola, Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa, West Palm Beach, and Miami with representatives from state law enforcement agencies and the ESGR, as well as local dignitaries, supporters, veterans, and members of the Guard and Reserve. The Statements of Support are a tangible reminder of the employers' commitment to supporting the patriotic men and women who serve voluntarily in an honorable and vital profession while recognizing that they are essential to the strength of our nation and the well-being of our communities.

ESGR is a Department of Defense organization and its committee members volunteer their time in support of the Guard and Reserve. As the 1.3 million members of the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve continue to perform an increasing number of unique missions within America's borders as well as on the most dangerous battlefields in the world, the ESGR will continue to be the resource for the employers of our citizen warriors.

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is proud to partner with the ESGR on today's event. For more information about the ESGR Employer Outreach and volunteer programs, call 1-800-336-4590 or go to www.ESGR.mil.



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